

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8 and 12-14 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 10-11 and 15-24 have been amended. Claims 10-11 and 15-24 are currently pending in this application.

Claims 10-11, 15-18 and 20-24 have been amended to replace each occurrence of the term "said" with the term -the-.

Claims 11, 15 and 17 have also been amended for the sake of improved clarity.

Claim 19 has been amended to replace the term "said external computer" with the term -the external computer-, and to replace the term "said measurement signals" with the term -measurement signals-.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-8 and 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,159,147 (Lichter et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,830,132 (Robinson). Examiner's rejection of claims 1-8 and 12-14 has been rendered moot by the cancellation of these claims.

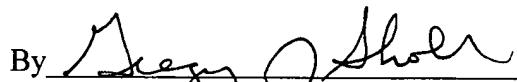
Removal of the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of these claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Any additional fee due in connection with this amendment may be charged against deposit account 19-0522.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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